



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous
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Business Meeting Minutes
November 17th, 2013

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:09 am. A member then read the daily meditation. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions to be turned in.

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:15 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday.

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Regional Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, and Co-Treasurer. The Secretary position is open, but a member was appointed to take the minutes.

Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area, and Wichita Metro. Oz Area is present via Skype.

Subcommittee Chairs: Archivist, Campout, Convention, Fellowship Development, P.O. Box, Public Relations, Restructuring Ad Hoc, and Soul to Soul. There is no Outreach Chair or Public Information Chair at this time.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The acting secretary read the minutes from August 18th, 2013. The chair asked if there were any amendments to be made. There were none. RCM vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello Regional Family,

I'm filling in for our RCM this quarter. Everything is going good out here in Central or let's just say we get by. We have just three groups in our area: Great Bend, Larned, and Hays. The Great Bend Living by Faith group is having Christmas Dreams on December 7th at the Senior Center at 2005 Kansas Ave. Doors open at 3pm, dinner at 5pm. Santa will make an appearance. Speakers are at 7 pm -Tim K. and Kim C. from Hutchinson. There will be a dance and auction afterward. There are flyers on the web. There was going to be an H&I fundraiser but the date will change. More will be revealed. Will hope to see you all in Great Bend on December 7th for a fun-filled labor including good time. We got a \$200 donation from CKA and a \$50 donation from Larned Just for Today NA. See you all next Region,
Jeff B.

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

Hello everyone,

I am back to serve a new area for me. I was elected RCM of FFF and Aimee K. is also back to serve as RCM

II. We would like to thank the H&I committee for putting on learning days in Topeka. Good training and volunteers are starting to follow guidelines. FFF will be having a New Year's Dance. More to be revealed. Grateful to be of service,
Jeff R.
RCM FFF

Just For Today Area:

Dear Family,

Just for Today Area is still going strong! As of this last Area we elected a new RCM, Keith M. thank you Keith for your service!!! We also elected a new PR chair, Victor H. We still have some open positions but HP willing those will be filled soon!!!

We have some functions coming up: Pioneer Group in Emporia, Ks is having their Thanksgiving dinner on November 28th at 1:30 pm at their meeting hall 885 W. 5th Emporia, Ks. Recovery fest is having their fundraiser on November 30th at 10am in Independence, Ks at 4-h building in the park, there will be 2 speakers and it's a covered dish dinner. Also Freebirds are planning their "Bringing in the New Year" January 25th at 10am at the 4-h building in the park in Independence, Ks please bring a covered dish!!! Hope to see y'all there!!!

We did vote and pass a Regional donation for \$125, but I forgot to have our out-going Treasurer write the check so I will have her send the check to Steve G.

We do have our votes on the Regional motions!!! Until next time love & hugs, Flo H.

Miracle Area:

Dear Regional Family,

Things are going well in the Miracle Area, meeting attendance for some groups has picked up, while others are still struggling, but recovery is available. We are pleased to announce that since last quarter, Kelly C. has stepped up as Public Information Chair, and recently, Christine T. stepped up as Activities Chair. Plans are being made to get those two subcommittees on track. Mark R. has been very helpful in printing the meeting lists last month, and he and Jody J. have helped plan our next activity. Hospitals and Institutions Chair, Jeffry L. has been struggling with a lack of volunteers, and he expressed a need for training for some volunteers in Leavenworth, so December 14th, there will be an orientation workshop at Lotta Soul, 925 Vermont, at 1pm, in Lawrence. Our next function will be an "After Thanksgiving Pot-Luck" at 946 Vermont, in Brady Hall, November 30th, from 5-8pm. Activities is formulating an annual calendar to plan functions and prevent crossovers from other Areas and Groups. Our last ASC was the first in a while using our old subcommittee session format from 1:30-4pm prior to our main body session. We also have a Newcomer Cheat Sheet for addicts attending the ASC for the first time. Larrytown, the oldest group in our Area, will be celebrating 35 years as a group in November of 2014. RIP's 17 Year Celebration/Dance on October 12 in Lansing was well attended with over 75 addicts.

We have had 9 Miracles in attendance here at the RSC weekend, and unfortunately, I missed the reference in the August Minutes about the Phone line needing to be voted on as a housekeeping expense, so we took a straw poll and the G.S.R.s were in favor of making it one, but if others missed it we were in favor of sending it back again. We also supported the Zonal Symposium Proposal, but two groups expressed concerns about funding the RD team to attend. We are donating \$200 to the Region this quarter.

Grateful in Service,

Scott K. R.C.M.

OZ Area:

Hello Family,

The OZ Area has been busy meeting once a month to try and carry the message better in our area. Norton group had come to one meeting prior to the last regional meeting but has not attended since. The Burlington Colorado group is still meeting at the same place and time with attendance down a little. The same goes for the Goodland group. St. Francis group seems to be growing with attendance getting better and new members with clean time coming in. The Colby group is going well with attendance slightly up and the Thursday noon meeting is doing much better with regular attendance. The Colby New Hope group is having a Christmas Party at the Colby Community building on Dec. 8th at 2pm. Sara B. will be the guest speaker. There is a flyer on the regional website. Our area has had a consensus on the topics that were to be brought back. The issue on the Zonal meeting in Missouri we voted yes on that. We also had a consensus of yes on the regional phone line being added as part of the housekeeping payments at the region. As far as the alternative merchandise at MARCNA our area had a consensus to leave it as it has been with the time slot that MARCNA has had for alt. merchandise. The OZ Area continues to take a meeting into the Norton Correctional facility and have a couple of new guys that have received their badges. Our area in the last month has decided to purchase some literature for each of our groups in the effort to distribute literature in our communities in a project driven outreach. Since I was not able to attend this month at the regional meeting our area will be donating \$100 to the region and the check should be in the mail. Not much else to report at this time. Hope to see all of you next time.

In Service,

Kody E.

Primary Purpose Area:

No report given.

Unity Area Report:

Hello Region

I am Robert, an addict, and due to circumstances beyond my control, I have been thrust to the RCM position from the Alternate RCM position. I learned a lot from my predecessor, there is a line between principles before personalities, I will attempt to be more spiritual and in the same breath, will acknowledge that the nut has not fallen far from the tree. I have a duty to my groups to bring their voice to the floor and to be heard, without fear of reprisal or defamation of character. The Ninth Concept states “all elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in that decision making process. I also understand that I cannot “beat a dead horse” and that personal feelings are irrelevant as I represent an Area of Groups. This is only a temporary position, until my Area convenes and gives me a vote of confidence to this position.

Now to the business at hand, Unity Area like most Areas are fighting a monetary battle, trying to keep the doors open and serve the primary purpose to the best of our abilities. Unity Area had a Halloween Dance that had limited participation but did a little better than to break even. The Seventh Tradition is only keeping our groups above water, with rent and supplies. One of the bright spots is that the Unity Area designed a “Chain of Recovery” T-shirt for sale at the groups to support the Area alone, presently sales are showing

promise of being able to build back our treasury, providing for the PI service work that one of our groups is spearheading and allow us the freedom to help the still suffering addict.

Motions Returned to Region

1. To make phone line cost a part of housekeeping, motion passed
2. Approve to send regional delegate to a Multi-Zonal Service Symposium for \$100.00

Motion did not pass

3. Paragraph motion by Jon J about selling alternative merchandise at conventions:

Motion did not pass

**Janet W, the convention chair, an honored guest at our Area meeting did state that they will work for better hours with regard to the alterative store at this year's convention.

Donation from the Unity Area is \$20.00.

I would like to know if any Areas have a remedy for filling vacant service positions. This is another problem that seems to be plaguing our service structure, not enough people to wear all the hats, which could be causing a feeling of burn out.

Yours in Service

Robert C.

Alt RCM

Western Area Report:

We had another good area meeting last week and our area is coming together again. There was a lot of support and interest from garden City where the meeting was held and we had a new group from Sublette present called the "Crazy but Clean" group. They meet on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Christian Church at 106 West Carson. The Hope Group in Garden City will be moving to a new location – 1719 East Texas in the Presbyterian Church on January 1st, 2014.

We voted to general define our boundaries as south of highway 96 to the south border of the Oklahoma panhandle and west of highway 283 to the Colorado border.

We discussed possible area activities and decided to have a goal of raising money to provide literature and starter kits to facilities where meeting are not held currently. We will bring back bids and activities for next area meeting in Garden City.

We are donating \$50 to the Region this quarter.

Tony K.

RCM

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello family,

Wichita Metro Area is having some ups as well as some downs.

Just for Today group continues to report low attendance. Their annual Fun D Raiser was held in sept and are planning a NYE function. No details were available as of this past ASC. Misery Is Optional celebrated their 4 year anniversary on Sept 24th. They wish for it to be known that their fri 10 pm meeting is an open candlelight meeting and continue to report all is well. Sowing The Seed celebrated their 4th anniversary on Oct 12th. They are having a gratitude dinner on Nov 30 and are planning a NYE dance. No details available as of last ASC. They are also working a youth services project and contacting the local jail about getting literature rack put in there. They report many open positions at group level. Living Clean has added a new Weds noon meeting to the schedule which is carrying steady attendance and growing. There are discussing organizing members to go Christmas caroling. MWBR. Also they will be open on Thanksgiving all day, serving dinner and having a speaker meeting. Unity Group completed a group inventory as of sept ASC. They changed the Thurs women's meeting from 5 to 530 and added a sat midnight meeting to the schedule. They have also indicated that they have willingness to host the CAR and just need to finalize the dat. NE HOW group reports that attendance is low at their fri night meetings and have discussed dropping it from the schedule but haven't made a firm decision yet.

H&I –Chairperson Shotze, (who I'm proud to report attended her 1st Region this quarter! Woo goo!) reports to carrying the message to Good Sheppard with 8 ppl in attendance, Women's Recovery Center with 25 ppl. As well as meetings being still being taken into Options treatment center, El Dorado Jail and Sedg. Co Jail. Discussion of possibly increasing meetings at Good Sheppard and WRC. 7 new members qualified themselves to take meetings into facilities.

PI-We have a new chairperson Mike H. He seems to be working hard at getting acquainted with PI duties and responsibilities.

Activities – There isn't anything on the agenda for activities on an area level. I believe COR is coming up soon but no details or discussion is available at this time. .

Our literature seems to be in good shape with one concern voiced at last ASC regarding the pricing of literature and its increases, shipping costs, etc. Im honestly not sure if the concern was resolved between our covering lit chair and the addicts inquiring.

WMA treasure reports \$1045.52 in the bank; minus our PR and housekeeping we had \$299.15. We have a \$100 donation to Region this quarter.

Wayne S was voted in as our new Area chair and Keith H (a midtimer transplant from another region) was voted in as Co-Chair. Co Treasurer, and literature positions remain open with no willingness.

WMA also is bringing 3 motions to the regional floor.

Motion #1

Cease existing trial of CBDM according to the original proposal.

Motion #2

Do not use CBDM on open RSC floor unless directed by home groups.

Motion #3

No more trials of CBDM unless directed by the home groups.

WMA voted yes on the Unity Area motion regarding Alt. store at MARCNA.

WMA is voting yes on the motion to make the phone line a part of housekeeping.

I believe that about covers it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

ILS

Tracy C

RCM WMA

C. Subcommittee Reports

Archivist:

Hello family,

I have just about finished the revised history and will submit it to our website when ready. It contains updated information about the growth of the region and photos of early flyers. Last quarter Unity Area loaned me their minutes' archives. I scanned in the years 1990 and 91 which will add to my collection of minutes through the remaining '90s and early 2000s. Past that timeframe all should be in digital format, somewhere. My collection of all area minutes will be donated to the RSC. I am only scanning in minutes that were not produced digitally, in other words pre-email days. It is a duplicate effort otherwise. I did receive some tapes that were recorded from MARCNA IV and other conventions, if any pertain to our history I will convert to mp3, otherwise will be added in the media box. I have a good buildup of archived documents from various committees that soon will be delivered to storage and filed in the cabinets. All media and banners will remain in my basement for protection. If you have access or know someone who might have minutes, flyers or tapes from the 1970s or early 80s please allow me to copy them. There are still many holes in our history, especially in the early days of Kansas having two areas, North and South.

Gratefully serving NA,

Tim S.

Campout:

Hello NA Family,

First off I want to thank everybody who showed up and participated in yesterday's regional campout meeting. We received some great input and some great ideas for merchandising and programming. I also want to personally thank all the committee members who are serving with me. I know I could never do this without them. All our positions are filled and we are well on our way to I believe a very successful and fun campout. We are looking for artwork, and I do have flyers for the RCMs. We also have our Pre-Campout T-shirts for sale, so please see Nate if you're interested in them. (nanate1@yahoo.com, 785-766-7850) He is signing contracts with RCM's for Pre-Campout T-shirts for your areas.

Wes

Convention Report:

We have the pre-registration forms ready to put in the mail on Monday. I am excited that Kimmi has an insert in the pre-reg form that breaks down the possibilities to treat the newcomers to lunch. When you are making your hotel reservations remember to mention that you are with MARCNA (Mid America Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous) to get the special rate and to make sure that we get the credit. We only have one fundraiser scheduled which is the Chili Cookoff being put on by Clean n Crazy & Phoenix Groups in Salina. Please bring back this information to your areas and groups and let them know that we will help them out if they want to put one on. It's that time when we put out the first request for help in the hospitality

room. If your area/group wants to host a certain mealtime it would be greatly appreciated. Groups have done this in the past and it really helps not only the convention out but it's a great place to meet new and old friends. The final decision on speakers has not been made yet so if you have a speaker that you have a CD to listen to, please get it to Debby S. before December 15th. We are a little behind on our timeline but I have confidence that with our committee all working together we will get what we need done. For this convention we will be able to offer the alternative store Saturday night and then again on Sunday morning. It works out great and I hope this accommodates the concerns that were brought to our attention.

Our next meeting will be December 15th at 1:00 at the Ramada hotel located at 1616 W. Crawford in Salina.

Gratefully, Janet W.

Convention Chair

Fellowship Development:

Hello Family,

November 2013

Fellowship Development was slow to start but we got some things accomplished.

Soul to Soul

Soul to Soul has a new chair for nomination. They have also developed a bid guideline for future Soul to Soul events. Although 2014 has been set. Be looking for the information to plan 2015 and beyond.

Events

Events discussed the Feb 2013 RSC. It was decided to have a "Love your recovery" theme or something along that theme. It was also discussed to have 2 speakers a male and female – not from the same relationship but have a healthy relationship due to NA. Speakers were chosen. They also discussed the Regional Assembly – there were several suggestions on how this could be changed, but they have not gotten support for the Regional Assembly in the last several years no matter what has been done. It was suggested to bring it to the floor tomorrow to remove from policy.

Last night was a success. All were much help and attendance was good. Thanks to everyone who helped with the food and fun. Financial breakdown is as follows-

\$50.00 Start up. With \$19.12 in expenses. \$30.88 returned in funds.

Rent is \$354.60

DJ cost was \$150.00

7th Tradition donation was \$73.00

Auction raffle was \$562.00

Door was \$99.00

Income less expenses \$241.16

10.00 for outreach shirts- We have more of these. Please see Activities Chair.

Orientation

Orientation has a working document to help newer members to the RSC. They have a few more things to finish up.

Newsletter

We have elected a new editor for the MAN. Kathy F. will be your Newsletter editor for the next year. The laptop is setup and ready to go as well and setup to receive and send emails on behalf of the Editor. So the electronic mailing will be going out now. The Winter 2013 Newsletter is done and here for distribution. Newsletter has a request for funds for printing the MAN.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Fellowship Development – Co-Facilitator

NAWS Contact:

I made the changes given to me last quarter and corrected all groups that belong to OZ area. Somehow the region address changed from Salina to Colby on the NAWS site, thank you Daniel for catching it so I could correct that too. If you have any known changes and don't have an area contact that can make them, let me know. I check area meeting lists posted on marscna.net but I still see some are out dated. I will also update region officers and committee chairs if needed after today's meeting.

Gratefully serving NA,
Tim S.

P.O. Box:

Hello Family,

This quarter we did not receive much mail, but this is what we got:

1. NAWS News – This is lying out on the table.
2. A letter from an inmate from Eldorado asking for a pen pal – he got our address from NAWS – I passed this on to the H&I Chair shortly after I received it.
3. Several Letters from our Insurance Company
 - a. Change of Address for our policy – I have put it in with our insurance policy that I had at home in my secretary stuff.
 - b. There was something that had Gift of Life on it – I can't remember exactly what this was for, but it had Gift of Life's address in Hutch on it, so I gave it to Tim K.
 - c. An Invoice – I gave this to our treasurer
4. A Hole in the Wall Newsletter – I believe this is supposed to go to our MAN editor, so I gave this to Kathy F.
5. Donation from OZ area – I gave this to our treasurer.

6. Mid Atlantic Regional Learning Conference XXX pre-registration – this is in Lancaster, PA – February 7th-9th, 2014.

As I was going through the secretary box today I found some extra PO Box keys from our old PO box. It was mentioned that I need to send them back to the Wichita address with a letter with our new address in case there is a refund for the keys I will take care of this.

That is all we got this quarter besides some stuff that was put in the wrong P.O Box – but I gave that back to the Post Office to give to the right person.

Love ya all!

ILS,
Amber C
P.O. Chair

Public Relations:

Hello Family,

I am grateful for the learning experience I had facilitating the Public Relations meeting yesterday. Real on the job training, but, I survived and it came out ok. I could do better getting us going on time and keeping things moving. We really are trying to get a lot done in a short amount of time. We had two open positions and filled them both. Congratulations to Michelle C. our new web servant and Amber C. our new meeting list coordinator.

New information since last RSC:

Communications

Regarding having a PR learning day in the Just for Today Area: JFT area would definitely like a training day. JFT Area is currently waiting on applications that are being processed by Oswego boot camp before scheduling the learning day. They will decide when they want the PR team to come for an orientation. They will contact the subcommittee with two dates to choose from. The PR team is ready to present whenever JFT area needs them.

Hospitals & Institutions

- 1) Four each Basic Texts and It works: How and Why were purchased and delivered to Reno County Jail
- 2) The unity Day phone hook up at El Dorado prison went off without any problems. Four NA members were present and they reported several inmates and Chaplain Schiebmeir were in attendance. Tom M. said that the Chaplain was very pleased with the project.
- 3) The Fellowship for Freedom H&I learning day prior to their September area meeting went off well. Not all issues were resolved but God's got that. I do think we offered up some solutions and helped move the dialogue forward. Jeff R. reported that the area did take some of the suggestion and NA guidelines were now being followed.
- 4) We are requesting \$50.02 from our escrow to reimburse the committee member that drove us up to Topeka for the FFF area learning day.
- 5) Allen Lee screen printing was given the check for our t-shirt order.

- 6) We will follow up with the KDOC prison chaplains regarding next Unity Day and get Unity Day 2013 speaker meeting CD's to distribute to prisons. Dusty C. is working with NAWs on getting the CD of the meeting and I will follow up with the prisons.
- 7) We are turning in \$8 from passing the hat and \$85 for shirts sold in to the treasurer for deposit into our escrow account. We have decided to reduce the price for our t-shirts from \$15 to \$10 each. So get some.
- 8) The Oz area has two more volunteers badged for the Norton Correctional Facility and that new H&I effort is really taking off.

Phone line

The phone line is still in beta mode and it is not ready for public consumption. The final two zones; South West and South East are loaded and updating will continue. When the phone line is in its final form it will be converted to Spanish as well. After discussion, it was decided that the phone line workgroup did not need a break out session. The beta version of the phone line can be previewed at 855 732 4673.

Web

Daniel reported that after the last RSC, the web page information flyer (to promote more and better use of the website) is on the web site. Daniel is doing his best to keep the website updated. There is an issue with flyers being sent in to the website with inadequate information. Please let groups and areas know they need to include pertinent information (address, date, place, and that it is a Narcotics Anonymous event) on the flyers. Daniel was having trouble with PageMaker, but he figured out how to convert files to pdf format. The PO Box information is printed wrong on the meeting list, but is now correct on line.

PR Presentation to Professionals work group.

The workgroup previously developed a professional presentation timeline to start – but they did not have enough info to make it specific to the task. John planned a timeline for an event for 200-500 professionals. Parameters need to be defined so we can better formulate the event plans. We haven't developed a budget. If there is any interest in joining the Presentation for Professionals workgroup, please join. Any input as to the type of presentation to do is welcome. We are using the presentation to professionals that happened prior to the Zonal meeting in Omaha as a resource. We have access to their Power point presentation, which can be modified. The presentation there was great, but only attended by nine professionals. For our presentation, we need more effort in getting professionals there and we also need more practice to fine-tune the presentation. We have all of the information; we just need to tailor it to our needs. The Omaha Power point is well put together and we will use it.

New Information coming out of breakout sessions:

Communications Report

A Learning days in Wichita Metro Area was discussed. They are thinking of having it sometime in March. They would like the topic to cover CBDM. It was suggested they place the request with the RD team and if they can't help, they will know who to contact. The Crime Prevention Initiative was discussed and Kim C gave information to Jeff R who will contact them. A booth at the May 2014 Third Thursday event in Hutchinson during crime prevention week was also discussed Jeff will contact them regarding the possibility of having a booth more will be revealed on this. On the topic of meeting lists; there were some suggestions on reformatting them, listing nearby towns under each city, so visitors reading the meeting list would know other towns they could visit nearby. We talked about PSA's and would like to see PSA's used in our region.

The committee is going to gather some information this quarter and next quarter we hope to be able to provide information to the areas.

Hospitals and Institutions:

There will be an H&I learning day in Great Bend. It will feature an H&I work shop and a male and female speaker on H&I. It was discovered in the convention meeting that the date conflicted with a Convention Fundraiser. So forget everything you have heard and go to Salina for the Convention fundraiser on January 25th. More will be revealed on the H&I function. Look for it on marscna.net our contact Jeff B. in Great Bend There will be an H&I orientation for Miracle Area H&I volunteers December 14th at Lot of Soul downstairs at 925 Vermont in Lawrence. Jeffry L is the contact person he can be reached at 785 840 9653. Everyone is invited so check it out. Just for Today area continues to plan a Public Relations learning day that will include an H&I workshop. More will be revealed. Our secretary position is open.

Phone line/Web

Phone line did not have a breakout session and the Web break out session was spent answering questions Michelle had about the web servant position and developing her willingness to serve as Web Servant.

PR Presentation to Professionals Workgroup

We discussed our goals and it was decided to 1) identify the target audience, 2) determine financial impact, and 3) create a timeline and 4) determine the human resources necessary. Committee members committed to come up with ideas, information, and communicate via email between regional meetings. The importance of all members having an understanding of the traditions throughout this process was stressed.

Further discussion during wrap up session.

The workgroup could take a year or more to complete the project. We are developing an action plan, but currently do not have a deadline. It was stated that the workgroup is tasked to develop the capacity to present and then establish target audience. As per John S., the workgroup will be ready to give a deadline for the project by the next RSC in February.

There were no new workgroups formed yesterday and no temporary work groups completed their task. The PR committee membership stands at Communication, H&I, Phone Line, Web, and the temporary workgroup PR Presentation to Professionals.

Grateful to serve,

Tim K

Restructuring Adhoc:

Hello Family,

November 2013

Ad-hoc Restructuring continues to work weekly on what we are going to propose to the fellowship for approval. Using other resources for meeting, like conference calling and VOIP as well as video calling are great tools for meeting outside of having to drive and meet in the physical. We aspire to have something to

distribute to the fellowship in our region soon. We do have several items that we would like review and input from the fellowship in our region.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Ad-hoc Restructuring Chair

Soul to Soul:

Dear family,

Thank you for giving me the privilege of chairing the most spiritual event I have ever attended since I got clean!!! What a blessing!!!

Our Regional donation from Soul to Soul is \$713.33, a motion came from committee that it was recommended that \$350.00 of that be sent on to WSO. We had 37 addicts that attended this year!!

Our theme for next year is: Awaken your Soul and it will be Sept. We will be asking for artwork from the fellowship so get the word out!!!

We do have a nomination out of committee for chair for 2014 and it is Rosalie C. The rest of our committee is as follows:

Co-chair – Joni A.

Catering Chair – Shelley W.

Catering Co-chair – Linda M.

Secretary – Renee' M.

Treasurer – Carla D.

We will be purchasing totes to have Soul to Soul stuff stored in the Regional storage unit. So hopefully in February we can drop that stuff off at the storage unit!!!

We will be discussing our fundraiser this weekend so if anyone has any ideas please feel free to share with the committee.

Thank you for letting me serve, Flo H.

Dear NA Family,

We have set requirements for Spiritual Retreat sites. Each year we request everyone to bring bids for the retreat site. We ask that Mid-America place these requirements in Policy.

1. Minimum of 50 beds
2. Men and women separate bedding (this can be in same building)
3. Fire pit
4. Group activities (examples: hay rack, canoeing, archery, etc.)
5. Large room or mess hall

- 6. Full and equipped kitchen
- 7. Bathroom with showers (men and women's)
- 8. September or October dates

We will be doing all sub-committee meetings here at Region. This will be done in hopes to include more of you.

2014 theme is "Awaken your soul." Artwork for t-shirts and mugs are due at February RSC. We are not doing t-shirts for a fundraiser in 2014. We are asking everyone to bring merchandise and quotes for fundraiser to February 2014 Region. We are doing a fundraiser in Wichita and Lawrence. We hope to get group help to do this.

2014 pre-registration forms will be sent to info@marscna - 2014 September 26, 27, and 28. It is \$75 and cut-off date is August 17, 2014. Retreat is at 2577 Idaho Rd. Ottawa, KS. For questions you can call Joni A. at 620-794-1507 or Rosalie at 620-481-3605. Mail your forms to Carla Davis at PO Box 299 Emporia, KS 66801. JFT Area has offered to share their PO Box and split the cost of it.

I am personally excited about this coming up ear. We have a strong group of committee members. I feel that having our meeting here will get more of you involved with more ideas. Please help support this committee as we make changes.

Also we would like to use Mid-America Region storage for our inventory. We will bring it in February 2014 meeting. Camp Chipawa asked for a copy of Insurance. We have gave the camp information to deb. She will send this year to them and in August will send the new copy to them.

In Loving Service,
 Rosalie C.
 Chair Sub-Committee Soul to Soul

Soul-to-Soul Treasurer's Report:

Greetings addicts. Outgoing treasurers, Rich A., has passed the records on to me. It appears I have documents and receipts from 2011 to present. This includes the latest Lyon County State Bank checking account statement. There is one check (#1042) outstanding to MARSCNA for \$713.33 today and our beginning balance is \$1000. I'm requesting a check to Camp Chippawa for \$500 required for the deposit in preparation for 2014 Spiritual retreat. Also requesting a check for \$20 to Rosalie Carlson in reimbursement for storage boxes.

I'd like to make a motion for Soul-to-Soul 2014 address to be PO Box 299 Emporia, KS for a cost of \$44.

Love the fellowship and ability to serve.
 Carla D.

Soul-to-Soul 2013 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$1000.00
Camp Deposit	(\$150.00)	\$850.00
Fundraiser:		

Building rental, DJ, startup	(\$220.00)	\$630.00
Fundraiser T-Shirts	(\$312.00)	\$318.00
Fundraiser Deposit	\$727.81	\$1045.81
Additional Fundraiser Shirts Sold	\$110.44	\$1156.25
Returned Mail Service Charge	(\$5.00)	\$1151.25
Account Service Fee	(\$4.00)	\$1147.25
Discount Mugs	(\$172.52)	\$974.73
Partial Pre-Registration Deposit	\$1175.00	\$2149.73
Pre-Registration Shirts	(\$359.82)	\$1779.86
Ecvo Styrofoam Cups	(\$56.41)	\$1723.45
Food Expenditures	(\$831.20)	Cash Used
Ending Deposit	\$894.88	\$2618.33
Pre-Registration Returned Check Fee (Resolved)	(\$5.00)	\$2613.33
Camp Chippawa	(\$900.00)	\$1713.33
Donation to Region	(\$713.33)	\$1000.00

1 Free Pre-Registration
29 Pre-Registrations
7 Registrations on Day of Event
37 in Attendance

\$500.00 per night x 2 nights = \$1000.00
\$25.00 per hay rack ride x 2 rides = \$50.00
Camp Total = \$1050.00
Deposit Applied = (\$150.00)
Ending Bill PAID = \$900.00

Thank you family for allowing me to be of service as the 2013 soul to soul treasurer.

In Loving Service,
Rich A.

We took a break from 10:00 am until 10:28 am. We took roll call at this time and found that all of the same trusted service and chairs were present, aside from Oz Area RCM who is no longer with us via Skype. We restarted business following a moment of silence and prayer.

**D. Officers Reports:
Regional Delegate Report:**

Hello Family,

November 17, 2013

WCNA was great and it was great to see so many members of our region were able to attend and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of NA.

It is once again time for the Conference Agenda Report. The CAR should be out at the end of this month. Officially available November 27th. I recommend that everyone brush up on their knowledge of the Service System Proposal as this is going to be a large part of the discussion around this WSC. Be planning on hosting workshops. The Conference Approval Track will be out January 27th. This will also be something I

would like to see us collect a conscience of the Region about, as there will be information regarding implementation of the SSP in the CAT.

Multi Zonal Service Symposium update: I tried to collect a conscience of the areas on this topic. I say tried because I was unable to collect a clear conscience. There were 4 areas in favor, 1 against and 4 abstention votes. This is still available for us to discuss as they are waiting for our region and a couple other regions to respond. I will say that the committee is moving forward due to having most regions reporting back. We have had a couple members from our region step up to be of service on this event. I also need feedback on **if Regions want Zonal representation at their PR presentations, and how do they want the funding, to help support this, to happen?** Next Zonal meeting will be January 17-19, 2014. This will be a CAR workshop in Rapids City, South Dakota at the Alex Johnson Hotel. I am turning in request for funds for travel and lodging for Nate and I to attend. The total request for funds is \$850.00 which includes lodging for two rooms for two nights to have both a men's and a women's room as well as fuel and per diem.

I look forward to doing lots of CAR workshops around our region this cycle. If your area wants to host a CAR workshop please get with myself or Nate and we can help get this done. Also the Traditions Book project workshop or any other workshop that you would like to have we can do.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Alt. Delegate Report:

Nothing to report

Secretary Report:

No report – position open.

Treasurer Report:

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous				
Treasurer Report – Nov 16, 2013 RSC				
	Beginning Balance			\$15,498.08
Income:				
	Donations and Reimbursements	\$2,157.16		
				\$2,157.16
				\$17,655.24
Expenses:				
8/18/2013 #1320	Roadway Inn		\$354.60	
8/18/2013 #1321	Allience Agency Inc. (Insurance)		972.00	
8/18/2013 #1322	Secretary Expenses		25.00	
8/18/2013 #1323	Sara Burd startup money for Nov RSC		50.00	
8/18/2013 #1324	Sara Burd for DJ services		150.00	
8/18/2013 #1325	Robert Crofoot MAN printing		350.00	
8/18/2013 #1326	Nate F. RDA expenses		103.46	
8/18/2013 #1327	Daniel Crotinger copies for Ad-Hoc		29.99	
8/18/2013 #1328	Kim Cragg H&I books (escrow)		76.40	

8/18/2013 #1329	Allen Lee Screen Printing H&I (escrow)		333.45	
8/18/2013 #1330	Sara Burd – white books (Outreach escrow)		200.00	
8/18/2013 Debit Card	Ipower website pymnt bi-annual		203.76	
				\$2,848.66
	Bank Balance			\$14,806.58
	Less: Prudent Reserve			\$7,000.00
	Sub-Total			\$7,806.58
	Less: Escrows			
	H&I		\$109.28	
	Literature		286.30	
	Outreach		26.40	
	PI		809.63	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due May 14)		1,181.00	
	Phoneline (due May 14)		280.00	
	Storage (due Feb. 14)		412.90	
	P.O. Box (due Feb. 14)		43.50	
	Web Page (due Sept. 15)		25.47	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		1,750.00	
	Total Escrows			\$5,729.08
	Spendable Balance			\$2,572.50

Co-Treasurer Report:

Nothing to report.

Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

Co- Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

E. Old Business:

1. Elections:

- a. **Secretary** – Chair asked for willingness; Kayla showed willingness. She qualified herself and the chair read the requirements. Kayla does not meet the clean time requirements. Miracle Area RCM made motion to waive the clean time requirement, Western Area RCM second it. The chair opened the floor for discussion. A member mentioned that the position is a high target position by the RCM’s and that if they vote to waive the clean time requirement they need to support the person in the position. This is a waiving policy. A member mentioned you need a lot of back bone to fill this position. Another mentioned that it’s a critical position as this person is really relied upon. A member asked Kayla if she would be willing to fill the

position without the title. She said that she would. Someone commented that it sounds wrong to allow that. Another mentioned the work is more important than the title. There were some members with concern about waiving that amount of clean time. One mentioned that they are confident in Kayla's abilities and suggested we test her for a quarter and then take a vote at next RSC. Another mentioned that we need to be careful about what we do because we are setting precedence. An RCM vote was taken: 2-6-0, motion fails. The secretary position remains open – please take back to groups. The chair clarified that she had nominated Kayla to fill the position for today.

- b. **Soul-to-Soul Chair** – Rosalie was nominated out of the sub-committee. She qualified herself. She left the room and there was discussion. An RCM vote was taken and Rosalie was voted in as the new Soul-to-Soul chair. Thank you for your service!
- c. **Public Information** – The chair asked for willingness and read the qualifications. There was no willingness. The position remains open – please take back to groups.
- d. **Outreach Chair** – The chair asked for willingness and read the qualifications. There was no willingness. The position remains open – please take back to groups.

2. **Motion #080813-01**

From: Unity Area

Motion: That the conventions sub-committee's policy that required Regional subcommittees, Areas, and Groups to sell merchandise at the Alternative Store be rescinded until such time the Groups and Areas have voted on said policy.

Intent: Concept #2; The final responsibility and author for N.A. services rest with the N.A. groups. Tradition #2; For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. Concept #12; In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should be one of service never of government.

RCM vote was taken: 2-7-0, motion fails.

3. **Motion #080813-02**

From: Central Kansas Area

Motion: Add to Regional Policy under Item H Budgeting pg. 7 "Phoneline" to the priorities paid first list.

Intent: To make phoneline payment part of housekeeping.

Financial Impact: \$560.00

RCM vote was taken: 7-0-2, motion passes. A member mentioned that this is paid yearly and is due next July 2014. The treasurer mentioned that this is already part of the escrows, to take out quarterly and cut the check in May.

- 4. **Ad Hoc Guidelines:** Last quarter the guidelines were passed out. The chair asked if the RCMs had had an opportunity to look at them and discuss them with groups. The RD said the document is still evolving and asked if any groups read it - some groups said they read it, others had not. The RD is looking for input. The chair said it is important that area's read it so we can get input – though we are not up for input and review yet – we are still always willing to hear input.
- 5. **Campout Timeline:** The chair asked the campout sub-committee chair if timeline changes have been made. The campout secretary stated that changes have been made, but we have one more update to make and that is to remove that the February RSC as a fundraiser for the campout. There was further discussion about a motion that was made to remove the fundraising efforts at RSC for sub-committees for one year. There was a reference to motion #081912-02 - From: Activities. Motion reads "To temporarily suspend fundraising on RSC weekend for subcommittees, for no less than (1) one year until Region is more financially stable." A member stated that the policy that suspended fundraising has expired but the RD clarified that the campout was not on that list. The Co-Chair

clarified that this same motion suspended fundraising until the RSC was financially stable, and does not believe that we are yet to that point.

6. **Multi-Zonal Service Symposium:** There was not good communication with it but we need to take a vote today. This motion was whether or not this region supports this event. A second motion was regarding the expenditures of \$100.00. The RD said this region can still support this event, even if we can't afford to send someone. A member mentioned that based on the possible financial impact, one group in her area voted against the motion. A member mentioned that philosophically supporting something realistically leads to financially supporting it, too – it is implied. One area mentioned that they voted on the motions together. Another RCM mentioned that her GSR's didn't understand the proposal, and abstained due to the confusion. One RCM mentioned that their area missed the vote. The RD mentioned that when they didn't have a vote, they were going to be listed as "stand aside" and then wouldn't be considered part of the quorum. An abstaining vote as opposed to no vote will matter this time because it will change the number of votes. The RD mentioned that when the first vote was taken the results were 4-1-4. It was clarified that this vote will have no financial impact – this is just to see if we support the idea of having these zones come together to do a learning convention. The chair called for another vote. A vote was taken: 9-0-0, motion passes.
7. **Consensus Based Decision Making:** The RD asked if the RCMs would like us to trial CBDM when we come back from our break and would also like to hear reservations. The co-chair called an RCM vote: 8-0-0 in favor of trialing CBDM in new business.

A lunch break was taken at 11:27 am until 1:04 pm. The meeting was reopened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Upon this roll call, it was discovered that the Campout Chair is no longer present.

F. **New Business:**

1. **Request for Funds:** The Treasurer listed the requests for funds. There are \$1554.27 in housekeeping expenses and \$250.00 in items to discuss. The Co-Treasurer mentioned that after paying all the housekeeping expenses, we will have \$973.23 above prudent reserve. The Treasurer mentioned that none of the items left for discussion will put us under prudent reserve. There was discussion about the request for \$170.00 for copies of the MAN. The chair mentioned that we are needing 500 copies more than the usual 1000 copies in order to cover the needs at the convention, so it will be an additional estimated \$50.00. The latest MAN editor mentioned that this additional \$50.00 may not cover the expenses for 500 additional copies because the price varies based on the number of copies. This same member mentioned that 1000 copies was enough in the past to cover the convention, and in other quarters they order 600. Members decided to grant the request as not to exceed \$220.00. The chair stated that if we don't spend it, we don't spend it. An RCM vote was taken to approve the housekeeping items: 8-0-1, request for housekeeping items approved.

Items to Discuss:

- a. **February RSC** – Activities is requesting \$150 to pay the DJ for a dance for February RSC. There was discussion about the dance having low attendance over the weekend. A member mentioned that people are too tired to dance after the activities on Saturday. A straw poll was then called to see who all was in favor of having a dance. It was mentioned that attached to this vote includes paying for the DJ. The majority of the room held up red cards. It was explained that this means a "block", which needs an explanation. A member gave the explanation that this would be a misuse of funds. The co-chair called a re-vote, and the straw poll revealed the majority of the room continued to hold up red cards. There was further discussion about how the CBDM process works. A member stated that the red card is being used as a "no" decision as well. The RD clarified that there would need to be 75% green cards in order for the proposal to pass. The Alternate Delegate clarified that if you don't agree with

a proposal, hold up the orange or yellow card – the red cards should be used sparingly. A member of the Fellowship Development committee clarified that an orange card is a clear “no.” A member expressed his concern with the RSC using a method that they are uneducated on. Another member of Fellowship Development mentioned that there have been workshops and trainings, and that they have offered to take workshops to any areas or groups, though they have had very few responses. Another member mentioned that we, as a body, voted to trial this during new business. The co-treasurer mentioned that this is our 2nd time trying this and that the only way to learn is to practice. A member held a red card up to indicate that we were off topic and need to get back on topic. The RCMs are going to vote on the proposal which now reads “to not have a dance in February”. The vote was 7-1-1, motion passes. The second question about spending money is no longer relevant.

- b. ***Multi-Zonal Service Symposium*** – The RD is requesting \$100.00 to financially support the multi-zonal service symposium. A red card was held up to say that this should have been brought up in old business. A member clarified that the request for funds is new business. A straw poll was taken and the majority of the room held up green cards. There was more clarification about the orange card – a member stated that the wording is misrepresentative of the true meaning – it is really a no. There was then discussion about this request for funds. One member stated that his area was not given enough information and can’t vote on this. Another mentioned that they support this philosophically but not financially. One member mentioned that it’s difficult to vote yes for this and pay for something we don’t really know the full financial impact of since there could be more of a financial impact in the future if we decide to send our RD and Alt. Delegate to the symposium. The RD answered this by saying this would be only a one-time cost of \$100.00. He stated that some Regions will be able to donate more, and others will donate less. One member brought up the question that if this is a new expense brought up in new business, why wouldn’t it be going back to groups to be voted on. The RD answered by saying that both questions were in the proposal. A member mentioned that they can’t talk for their group without their vote. A member mentioned that RCMs should be able to vote on certain issues that don’t have time to go back to groups with enough knowledge about their area’s to represent them. A member held up a yellow card indicating he had a question and brought up the 2nd concept – “The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.” The chair mentioned that RCMs have a vote of confidence from the group that they will represent the opinion of the group. A member held up a red card saying we are off topic and need to take a God break.

We took a break from 1:53 pm until 2:14 pm. We then reopened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Consensus Based Decision Making – The chair mentioned that she was thrown off guard when she found out she was going to be facilitating the CBDM trial for the day. A member stated that there are many traditions, concepts and spiritual principles being violated today. The Fellowship for Freedom Area RCM made a proposal that we cease the trial of the CBDM for today and send it back to the groups to vote on whether we continue the trial on the floor. The chair mentioned that the group don’t really know how it’s going to decide on this. She stated that the RCMs decided we were going to trial this. A member called for a straw poll of the RCMs decision on FFF RCM proposal. At this point there is a split decision and the co-chair called on all those holding the orange cards. One member stated that he would like to continue practicing with it. Another member stated that it seems that today this doesn’t seem like it was allowed to work and that some members have been using the traditions and concepts as weapons. This member stated that this body has the right to conduct business.

Another member said that last time we trialed this it went very smoothly – whether this is a personalities issue or not. This member mentioned that Robert’s Rules of Order blocked us from doing business, too. A member stated that people aren’t well enough informed and until they are we shouldn’t use CBDM on open floor. The RD mentioned that when we voted to try CBDM on the floor, we explicitly said we could stop it at any time and this could be a stopping point. For the sake of time, he believes that this should be stopped and taken back to groups to decide whether we want to keep trialing this. A member asked if this proposal was going to ask the groups to cease all of the work they have been doing on the CBDM. The creator of the proposal clarified that he wants to cease CBDM today, not get rid of the sub-committees, and then to take it back to groups whether we want to do the trial on the RSC floor. The co-chair called another straw poll. There was one orange card and this member stated that they don’t think we need to take it back to groups because we can’t ask members how business should be conducted on the Regional floor. Another member brought up traditions four. There was clarification about the proposal being changed and it was mentioned that with CBDM a proposal can evolve. The proposal now reads *to cease CBDM trial for today*. An RCM vote was taken: 6-1-0, motion passes and trial CBDM ceases. A member mentioned that we aren’t getting the feedback from the group to know what we need to do next. The RD clarified that there are three motions from WMA that address the same issue.

Multi-Zonal Service Symposium Discussion Continued - A member mentioned that she is not willing to make a decision on whether to spend the \$100.00 or not and would like to take it back to groups. The RD clarified that the \$100.00 is for a donation. An RCM vote was taken: 5-1-3, motion passes.

2. Hotel Bid for 2016 Convention: A member of the convention presented a bid from the Hutchinson Ramada Inn. The room rates will be \$83.00. The coffee will be \$5.00 per gallon less than the cost of coffee at that time as stated in the contract. The cost of banquet rooms has a set-up fee of \$250.00 per day. This member asked the hotel bidder the following questions:

- 1.) Do we get a break on cost if we pay a minimum food or beverage cost?
- 2.) Some vendors need additional tables, usually three or so, will there be an additional cost for additional tables?
- 3.) Do we need to meet minimum food and beverage cost?

The bidder answered with the following:

- 1.) There is no minimum food or beverage cost
- 2.) Three tables will be fine. It cost \$25.00 per vendor booth which includes one eight-foot table with a table cloth, skirt, and two chairs.
- 3.) The only charges for the banquet room are listed on the bid.

A member stated that one vendor asks for six tables. A member asked if we rent so many rooms, do we get a complimentary room. The member of the convention committee answered that the room blocks are ten for Thursday, one-hundred for Friday, and one-hundred for Saturday. She doesn’t know about any comp rooms, though. A member mentioned that we had our convention there three years ago and there were no problems. This member also stated that we have \$300.00 sponsorship to be used towards catered functions. A member mentioned that it may be better if we did two-hundred room nights total so we don’t have to have a specific amount each night like the block above states so that we don’t get stuck paying for unfilled room. Another member stated that they usually have a 10% leniency. A member stated that we can lower the block if we don’t have a lot of people pre-register. A member asked if there are meeting rooms as well. It was answered that the \$750.00 for the weekend includes meeting rooms. A member mentioned that this contract is vague enough that we should get a committee together to research this bid further, because \$1000.00 seems very cheap. A member proposed that we have the RCMs vote to ask the Convention Committee to gather additional

information about this then come back with a recommendation. A member stated that the region had previously discussed forming an ad-hoc committee for situations like this with the absence of a steering committee. A member asked if they will have to look at this and bring it back again for another vote. The RD suggested that we turn this over to the regional executive committee and have them make a decision. The chair addressed the proposal that was made to let convention committee make the final decision after getting further information. An RCM vote was taken: 6-0-0, motion passes.

3. Regional Meeting Location: A member mentioned that we need to figure out a plan B in case we show up on RSC weekend and the current hotel is shut down. A member mentioned that the activities sub-committee is going to look at it further and create a plan B. A member mentioned that there are people using drugs and other people causing problems at this hotel. The activities sub-committee chair asked what was expected of her – she feels she can't do it on her own and make everyone happy. The chair stated she could get a committee together to help her find a backup plan. A member clarified that the RSC does not have to be held in Salina. The activities chair said she is willing to address this stuff with the hotel, but she has also said we have previously looked at other places to meet and they have been significantly more expensive or don't have the amenities that we need. Other places besides hotels wouldn't want us standing outside smoking cigarettes. She is willing to help in a work group but is not willing to do the work alone. A member mentioned that we do want to find a central location. It was mentioned that we signed a two year contract in May. A member stated that we are resourceful addicts and could find a place to meet at last minute if necessary. A member stated that the chair should appoint an ad-hoc committee. Three members had willingness and the chair appointed the activities chair to be the chair of this ad-hoc committee. A member stated that the committee can't really have a plan B because you just never know what's going to be available months from now. The RD brought up another solution that this committee could look at a list of places for all future Regional Meetings.

4. Motion #111713-01

From: Wichita Metro Area

Motion: Cease existing trials of CBDM according to the original proposal

Intent: To keep RSC from making changes and decisions without direction or approval from home groups.

Discussion: A member mentioned that we had previously voted to do the trial last region and this region. If we want to try it at next region we need to decide on that today. The RCM from this area clarified that this came from a group in her area. A member from this area mentioned that he doesn't want to see the trial end forever, they want us to stop using it until they can get more informed. It was mentioned that one of the motions does speak to use of CBDM on Saturday. It was also stated that this would get rid of all other types of trials at the region without the group's approval. A member mentioned we are asking the home groups to vote on things that they don't know anything about. A member mentioned that this Region has the responsibility and right to conduct business. A member mentioned that we may have jumped too fast taking CBDM onto the RSC floor, but we should still use it at sub-committees for practice. A member called point of order and stated that we can ask the area to withdraw the motion and need to vote on the three motions presented by WMA separately. Wichita Metro Area withdrew this motion.

5. Motion #111713-02

From: Wichita Metro Area

Motion: Do not use CBDM on open RSC floor unless directed by home groups.

Intent: To keep RSC from making changes and decisions without direction or approval from home groups.

Discussion: A member asked individuals from the Wichita Metro Area if they have taken advantage of the training offered by the sub-committee. They responded that they have only heard the pros of

CBDM and want to hear a presentation on pros and cons. A member asked if the presentation has been delivered. The RD stated he was in Wichita one month ago and it didn't go well – but in January he presented the full presentation. Another member stated that the full presentation gives you facts on the process, rather than the pros and cons which would be feelings. There was clarification that this has been brought back to groups. A member asked if completely ridding of CBDM trials will be added to policy under this motion. Another member stated that if we were going to use the trial again we would make a motion to use it again because today was supposed to be the last time it was used (according to a past vote). Many members stated that they agree that this needs to go back to home groups, but the motion has already expired, and they are trying to get rid of something that is already gone by making this motion. Another member asked if this motion was intended to get rid of all trials or just CBDM in the future. A member made a call to question. An RCM vote was taken on whether or not we want to take this back to groups: 4-4-0. A member stated that the Chair gets a vote to break the tie. The chair votes no and the motion fails.

6. Motion #111713-03

From: Wichita Metro Area

Motion: No more trials of CBDM unless directed by home groups.

Intent: To keep RSC from making changes and decisions without direction or approval from home groups.

An RCM vote was taken to take this back to groups: 2-6-0, motion fails. A member mentioned that the Ad Hoc committee has definitely heard the concern and are going to take them under advisement.

7. Motion #111713-04

From: Fellowship for Freedom Area

Seconded: Primary Purpose Area

Motion: That the sub-committees continue with schedule developed by Ad-Hoc committee restructuring be used for the next three quarters on Saturday of the RSC.

Intent: To continue purpose and project driven service.

Discussion: It was clarified by the motion maker that this would mean the Campout and Convention meetings would rotate bi-yearly, and the Fellowship Development and Public Relations groups would continue to meet. Campout would meet in the evening in May and August and Convention would meet in the evening in February and November. A member mentioned this is the last time we would be doing this with this format. A member stated that if we don't keep the schedule the same, it will revert back to the old sub-committee format, without Fellowship Development and Public Relations. The RD mentioned that if this passes, he would like to see someone else facilitate the Fellowship Development and Public Relations committee. He made a friendly amendment to add to this motion so that it now reads: *That the sub-committees continue with schedule developed by Ad-Hoc committee restructuring be used for the next three quarters on Saturday of the RSC and to elect a pro-temp Public Relations facilitator and pro-temp Fellowship Development facilitator using the working documents for qualifications.* FFF RCM accepts the friendly amendment. The RD clarified that the parameters for electing the facilitators will be the working documents and that they are not in policy. A member asked if these guidelines would be attached to the motion (see below). A member mentioned that if this passes, we will need to vote in the two pro-temp positions today. A member expressed concern about using these guideline that have not been approved by home groups. Another member clarified that it would only be for this temporary position. The co-chair called the vote: 8-0-0, motion passes.

Guidelines:

Public Relations Facilitator

- a. Four (4) years continuous clean time.
- b. Previous service experience at this level of service and in Public Relations.
- c. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts for NA

Service, the Public Relations Handbook, Hospitals & Institutions Handbook, and all other documents within the “Spiritual Guidance” Section of these guidelines.

- d. Willingness to serve, the time and initiative to commit for the length of time involved.
- e. A thorough understanding of Consensus – Based Decision Making.
- f. The ability to facilitate all discussions with a firm but gentle, spiritual approach.
- g. The ability to gather and distribute clear and adequate information from the coordinators for all projects/workgroups.

Fellowship Development Facilitator

- a. At least four (4) years continuous clean time.
- b. Previous service experience at this level of service and in Fellowship Development.
- c. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, the Public Relations Handbook, Outreach Resource Information, and all other documents within the “Spiritual Guidance” Section of these guidelines.
- d. Willingness to serve, the time and initiative to commit for the length of time involved.
- e. A thorough understanding of Consensus – Based Decision Making.
- f. The ability to facilitate all discussions with a firm but gentle, spiritual approach.
- g. The ability to gather and distribute clear and adequate information from the coordinators for all projects/workgroups.

8. **Pro-Temp Facilitator Positions:** The chair asked for willingness for the pro-temp Fellowship Development Facilitator position. Jeff R. showed willingness. Another member nominated Sally, she respectfully declined. A vote was taken and Jeff R. was voted in as new FD facilitator. The chair asked for willingness for the pro-temp Public Relations Facilitator. A member nominated Amber, she declined but is willing to help. A nomination was made for Kimmie, who respectfully declined seeing that there was other willingness. Another member nominated Tim K. He accepted. He has previously facilitated the meeting. Tim left the room and a vote was taken. He was voted in as the pro-temp PR facilitator. Thank you both for your service!

9. **Motion #111713-05**

From: Central Kansas Area

Seconded: Primary Purpose Area

Motion: At the next RSC that the CBDM be used in new business so we can get some training and more learning about CBDM.

Intent: To not throw away all the work we have had the people put in to this.

Discussion: This motion was first made by a general member. There was discussion about her having the ability to do this. Then Central Kansas RCM made the motion and Primary Purpose seconded it. A member mentioned that this will directly affect the home groups and we need to get their approval first. This member feels this is a violation of the traditions. Another member mentioned that we have done several mock trials of this. A member stated that it is a trial run so it does not have to go back to groups since it is not a change to policy. Another member stated that since we shut it down for the day, it’s a miscarriage of what we are trying to do here since we already shut it down once today. This member feels it’s manipulative. One member mentioned she would like more training on CBDM. Another member mentioned that her understanding was that CBDM is just a better way of making decisions, and doesn’t see how it would ruin policy. No policy changes would happen still without taking votes back to group. A member stated that CBDM gets better agreement in that it requires 75% satisfaction - a major majority as opposed to a simple majority. There’s a lot of failsafe to this. He would also hate to see 18 months of work go down the drain. A member stated that this is just what would work here – not necessarily what will or needs to be used at areas or home groups. Another member brought up the question that if we choose to continue trial of a different format, would the decisions that are made on a trial format be valid. If so would this change the policy? It was answered that it would temporarily suspend business. A vote was taken to call to question: 6-2-0,

call to question passes. Question has been called. An RCM vote was taken: 5-3-0, motion failed. It was discussed that there needs to be a 2/3 majority for it to pass. A member called a point of order. This member stated that when we suspended fundraisers, we sent it back to groups even though it was temporary change, therefore setting precedence. The RD stated that under spiritual guidance in our regional policy, letter B states that “MARSCNA shall be guided in all its actions by the following in succession...” and #5 is any special rules that MARSCNA may adopt and #9 is Robert’s Rule of Order. It was then pointed out that our current policy is ranked #4. It was clarified that temporary changes to policy need to be taken back to groups. A procedural error was pointed out – this motion should not have been voted on as it is a temporary policy change – the motion is rescinded and needs to be taken back to groups.

10. Conference Agenda Report – The RD asked if we need to order CARs. Some areas have discussed doing CAR workshops. A member asked the cost of them and another stated that it is often cheaper to buy them then copy them because they are so thick. A request for funds from the RD was made to get twenty copies of the CAR for \$300.00. It was mentioned that we will still be above prudent reserve if we pay for this and some of the money will be recovered in sales. A vote was taken on this request for funds: 7-0-1, motion passes.

11. Motion #111713-06

From: Soul to Soul Committee

Motion: To pass along \$350.00 to NAWS of the \$713.33 that we passed back to Region.

Intent: To donate to NAWS because the Mid-America Region hasn’t been able to donate to NAWS.

Discussion: A member asked if we had a set amount that we donate from housekeeping to world. Another member answered that everything over prudent reserve in May is to be donated. We set a precedence with convention that we don’t allow them to earmark money – a member mentioned this sounds like earmarking. A member stated that if it were re-worded to ask that \$350 of what is over prudent reserve is sent to world (instead of \$350 of soul to soul’s donation) it wouldn’t sound like it was earmarking. The Chair stated that sub-committees can’t dictate where we send our money. The RD mentioned that NAWS tells us to take care of ours first because their budget has a very small amount for donations. We are currently above prudent reserve for the first time in two years. A member mentioned we shouldn’t use loophole that wording is wrong to avoid voting. An RCM vote was taken: 2-5-0, motion fails.

12. Meeting Schedules: A member stated that we have a lot of meeting schedules left currently. She brought up the question of whether this body needs to decide or the meeting schedule coordinator decide that we don’t need to print as many. A member stated that the quantity is not specified so we don’t need to talk about it here.

13. Insurance Policy: The outgoing secretary asked who to pass on insurance policy to. The Chair answered that it goes with the treasurer.

We closed at 5:16 pm with a moment of silence followed by prayer.

Take Back to Groups/Areas:

Open Positions

- Secretary
- Outreach Chair
- Public Information Chair

Motions

- **Motion #111713-05**
From: Central Kansas Area
Seconded: Primary Purpose Area
Motion: At the next RSC that the CBDM be used in new business so we can get some training and more learning about CBDM.
Intent: To not throw away all the work we have had the people put in to this.

Other Business

- Campout Committee needs artwork submissions by January 11th, 2014.



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WHERE: 4-H BUILDING, RIVERSIDE PARK
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1ST SPEAKER @ 11:00 AM

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